has been deliberating upon the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. Out of 247 recommendations made by the Sarkaria Commission decision has been taken by the Council on 171 recommendations. The recommendations of the Commission aim at developing harmonious Centre-State relations and giving more financial, administrative and legislative powers to States. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on which Council has taken decision have been sent to Ministries/Departments concerned for implementation of the recommendations. The implementation of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission is a continuous process.

Promotion of Hindi

† 1927. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the official language Hindi is being neglected in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, what is the number of such Departments where cent percent correspondence is not made in Hindi; and

(c) whether Government would launch any comprehensive and integrated programme to promote Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) A Resolution on language Policy of Government was passed by both houses of the Parliament in December, 1967. In pursuance of its para I, for accelerating the propogation and promotion of Hindi and its progressive use for the various official purposes of the Union, an intensive and comprehensive "Annual Programme" is prepared by the Central Government and it is send to all Ministries, Departments, Offices for implementation. An "Annual Assessment Report" giving details of the measures taken and progress achieved in this regard is laid down on the Table of both

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houses by the Government and takes necessary and required steps constantly in this regard. Accordingly, "Annual Assessment Report" was laid down on the tables of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 6-12-1999 and 8-12-1999 respectively. Copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Law and Order in Maharashtra

† 1928. **S**HRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the law and order situation in Maharashtra has deteriorated after the decision to take legal action against Shiv Sena Chief;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have refused to extend help to the State Government;

(c) if so, the reason therefor; and

(d) if not, the help extended so far by Government in this regard to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No such reports are available with the Government. However, tension prevailed in some parts of the State following the decision of the State Government to take legal action against Shiv Sena Chief.

(b) to (d) In the context of the above the State Government of Maharashtra requested deployment of Central Para-Military Forces in the State. 4 Coys, of Rapid Action Force stationed in Mumbai were immediately released to the State Government on 19-2-2000 and 3 Coys of CISF given to the State Government on 24-7-2000. The deployment of Central Para-Military Forces in any State depends upon the overall security scenario in the country and availability of these forces.

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